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S. RES. 77

Condemning all acts of terrorism in Lebanon and calling for the removal of Syrian troops from Lebanon and supporting the people of Lebanon in their quest for a truly democratic form of government.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 9, 2005

Mr. SANTORUM (for himself, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. BURR, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Condemning all acts of terrorism in Lebanon and calling for the removal of Syrian troops from Lebanon and supporting the people of Lebanon in their quest for a truly democratic form of government.

Whereas since December 29, 1979, Syria has been designated a state sponsor of terrorism by the Secretary of State;

Whereas on December 12, 2003, the President signed the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 2151 note), which declared the sense of Congress that the Government of Syria should halt its support for terrorism and withdraw its armed forces from Lebanon, endorsed efforts to secure meaningful change in Syria, and authorized the use of sanctions against Syria if the President determines that

the Government of Syria has not met the performance criteria included in that Act;

Whereas the President has imposed the sanctions mandated by that Act, which prohibit the export to Syria of items on the United States Munitions List and the Commerce Control List, and has already imposed 2 of the 6 types of sanctions authorized by that Act, by prohibiting the export to Syria of products of the United States (other than food or medicine) and prohibiting aircraft of any air carrier owned or controlled by Syria to take off from or land in the United States;

Whereas the United Nations Secretary General, Kofi Annan, recently stated that Syria continues to maintain more than 14,000 troops in Lebanon;

Whereas United Nations Security Council Resolution 1559 (September 2, 2004) calls for the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon and for the disbanding and disarmament of all armed groups in Lebanon;

Whereas on February 14, 2005, the former Prime Minister of Lebanon, Rafik Hariri, and 18 others were assassinated in an act of terrorism in Beirut, Lebanon;

Whereas the Secretary of State recalled the United States Ambassador to Syria, Margaret Scobey, following the assassination of Rafik Hariri; and

Whereas, on February 28, 2005, the Prime Minister of Lebanon, Omar Karami, resigned, dissolving Lebanon's pro-Syrian Government: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) condemns all acts of terrorism against inno-

3 cent people in Lebanon and around the world;

1 (2) condemns the continued presence of Syrian
2 troops in Lebanon and calls for their immediate re-
3 moval;

4 (3) urges the President to consider imposing
5 additional sanctions on Syria under the Syria Ac-
6 countability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration
7 Act of 2003 (22 U.S.C. 2151 note); and

8 (4) supports the people of Lebanon in their
9 quest for a truly democratic form of government.

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